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Idaho Potato Production Up 11 Percent

Idaho's potato production is expected to total 143 million cwt, up 11 percent from last year's 129 million cwt, and 27 percent above the 2010 crop. Planted acres of 345,000 and harvested acres of 344,000 are up 25,000 acres from 2011. Statewide, yield per acre is estimated to be a record 416 cwt, up 12 cwt from last year. Yield per acre in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 520 cwt, decreased 20 cwt from last year. Acreage for the 10 Southwest counties, at 20,000 acres planted and harvested, increased 1,000 acres from last year. Because of the acreage increase, total production in the area is up 1 percent from last year at 10.4 million cwt. In Idaho's "other counties," yield per acre is estimated at 410 cwt, compared to 395 cwt a year ago. Other area production from 324,000 harvested acres is expected to total 133 million cwt, 12 percent above last year's 119 million cwt.

Potatoes: Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production by Seasonal Group, State, and United States, 2011-2012

States	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>				<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
SPRING 1/	93.3	97.7	91.5	96.1	279	289	25,573	27,740
SUMMER 1/	48.2	50.3	46.0	49.0	280	356	12,894	17,447
FALL								
California	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	490	490	4,312	4,312
Colorado	54.0	55.1	53.9	54.6	395	385	21,291	21,021
IDAHO, ALL	320.0	345.0	319.0	344.0	404	416	128,760	143,240
- 10 SW Counties	19.0	20.0	19.0	20.0	540	520	10,260	10,400
- Other Areas	301.0	325.0	300.0	324.0	395	410	118,500	132,840
Maine	57.0	58.0	54.0	57.3	265	270	14,310	15,471
Massachusetts	3.6	3.8	2.8	3.8	275	350	770	1,330
Michigan	45.0	47.5	44.0	46.0	345	355	15,180	16,330
Minnesota	49.0	51.0	47.0	48.0	355	385	16,685	18,480
Montana	11.7	12.0	11.5	11.7	330	320	3,795	3,744
Nebraska	20.0	23.0	19.5	22.7	400	430	7,800	9,761
Nevada	(D)	7.1	(D)	7.1	(D)	390	(D)	2,769
New Mexico	(D)	6.3	(D)	6.2	(D)	460	(D)	2,852
New York	16.5	17.0	16.2	16.5	250	285	4,050	4,703
North Dakota	84.0	88.0	77.0	84.0	245	300	18,865	25,200
Ohio	2.0	(D)	1.7	(D)	270	(D)	459	(D)
Oregon	40.0	42.0	39.9	41.9	585	555	23,342	23,255
Pennsylvania	9.2	8.9	7.8	8.6	260	250	2,028	2,150
Rhode Island	0.6	(D)	0.6	(D)	250	(D)	150	(D)
Washington	160.0	165.0	160.0	165.0	610	595	97,600	98,175
Wisconsin	63.0	63.5	62.5	63.0	415	455	25,938	28,665
Other States 2/	13.3	2.4	13.3	2.3	439	243	5,845	558
TOTAL FALL	957.7	1,004.4	939.5	991.5	416	426	391,180	422,016
UNITED STATES	1,099.2	1,152.4	1,077.0	1,136.6	399	411	429,647	467,203

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

2/ Includes data withheld above.

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Potato Highlights

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2012 is forecast at 422 million cwt, up 8 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 991,500 acres, is 6 percent above the 2011 estimate. The average yield forecast, at 426 cwt per acre, is up 10 cwt per acre from last year's yield.

In Idaho, growing conditions were favorable. Total potato production is forecast to be the second highest on record. Record high yields are also forecast in North Dakota and Massachusetts. Favorable spring weather and adequate water supplies benefitted both the North Dakota and Massachusetts potato crops. In Michigan, growers reported good yields despite the high temperatures and dry conditions experienced during the summer.

Total United States potato production in 2012 from all seasons is forecast at 467 million cwt, 9 percent above 2011. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, is up 6 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 411 cwt per acre, up 12 cwt per acre from the previous year.

Acreage By Variety

Data from the Potato Objective Yield Survey show that the Russet Burbank variety accounts for 52.5 percent of the potato acreage planted in Idaho. Russet Norkotah accounts for 20.9 percent of plantings, and Ranger Russet is 12.2 percent of the total. Alturas, at 2.1 percent, and Umatilla Russet, at 1.8 percent, complete the top five varieties planted in Idaho for the 2012 crop. Other published varieties include Western Russet, at 1.2 percent, and Norlands, at 1.1 percent.

In addition to Idaho, planted acreage by variety is published for seven other states: Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin. Colorado conducts an independent survey and is not included in the seven state total. Russet Burbank accounts for 44.5 percent of the planted acreage in the seven states. Russet Burbank is the top variety in five of the eight states. Russet Norkotah is the leading variety in Colorado and Oregon, while Frito Lay varieties account for the greatest percentage of acreage in Wisconsin. Russet Norkotah is second among varieties planted in the seven states and accounts for 13.1 percent of the acreage in the seven state total. Ranger Russet follows with 9.4 percent of the planted acreage in the seven state total. Umatilla Russet is next with 5.1 percent of the acreage planted in the seven states. Frito-Lay varieties are fifth with 3.2 percent of the planted acreage, and Norland is sixth with 3.1 percent of the planted acreage in the seven states.

Sugarbeet Production

Idaho's sugarbeet production for 2012 is forecast at 6.46 million tons, up 7 percent from the 6.05 million tons produced a year ago. Yield of 35.5 tons per acre is up from last year's 34.4 tons per acre and if realized, is a new record high. Harvested acres of 182,000 are up from 2011's 176,000 harvested acres. Sugarbeet production for the U. S. is forecast at 34.9 million tons, up 21 percent from last year's production of 28.8 million tons. Area for harvest, at 1.22 million acres, is up slightly from last year. Yields are expected to average 28.8 tons per acre, up 5.0 tons from last year.

Mid-October Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of October showed increases for all barley, feed barley, malting barley, dry beans, all wheat, and milk. Prices declined for alfalfa hay and potatoes.

Nationally, the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October, at 210 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 17 points (8.8 percent) from September. Producers received higher prices for milk, hogs, grapes, and corn and lower prices for eggs, apples, lettuce, and soybeans.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, October 2011-October 2012

Commodity	Idaho				United States			
	Unit	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012 ^{1/}	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	233.00	190.00	200.00	204.00	205.00	212.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	5.62	6.41	6.50	5.51	6.40	6.15	48
Feed	Bu.	5.19	5.80	5.65	4.76	5.58	5.66	--
Malting	Bu.	5.72	6.54	6.70	5.69	6.65	6.44	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	30.20	38.50	38.50	41.60	38.20	35.20	40
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	6.95	6.65	6.40	7.46	7.20	6.92	28
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	7.30	4.40	(D)	10.99	7.22	(D)	--
Processing	Cwt.	6.80	7.20	(D)	6.60	7.20	(D)	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	6.40	7.96	8.29	7.27	8.27	8.37	45
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Milk, All ^{4/}	Cwt.	18.30	19.40	21.00	20.00	19.60	21.10	37 ^{5/}

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 1990-1992-United States: October 2012 with Comparisons

Index	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012
Prices received by farmers	185	193	210
Prices paid by farmers	205	218	220
Ratio of prices received to prices paid	90	89	95

Pea and Lentil Production

Idaho's dry edible pea production is estimated at 494,000 cwt, an increase of 83 percent from the 270,000 cwt produced in 2011. Yield of 1,900 pounds per acre is up 100 pounds per acre from last year. Harvested acres of 26,000 are up from 2011's 15,000 harvested acres. Lentil production of 384,000 cwt is up 9 percent from last year's 351,000 cwt. Yield of 1,200 pounds per acre is down from last year's yield of 1,300 pounds per acre. Acreage harvested for 2012, at 32,000 acres, is up from last year's 27,000 harvested acres. Dry edible pea production for the U. S. is expected to total 11.5 million cwt, up 104 percent from the 2011 estimate. Lentil production, at 5.25 million cwt is up 11 percent from last year.

U.S. Dairy Products September 2012 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 871 million pounds, 0.3 percent above September 2011 but 1.9 percent below August 2012.

Italian type cheese production totaled 370 million pounds, 0.3 percent above September 2011 but slightly below August 2012.

American type cheese production totaled 346 million pounds, 2.3 percent above September 2011 but 2.1 percent below August 2012.

Butter production was 136 million pounds, 1.1 percent below September 2011 but 5.3 percent above August 2012.

Dry milk powders (comparisons with September 2011)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 84.4 million pounds, down 18.7 percent.

Skim milk powders - 43.6 million pounds, up 22.6 percent.

Whey products (comparisons with September 2011)

Dry whey, total - 74.0 million pounds, down 3.6 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 86.7 million pounds, up 4.6 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 34.0 million pounds, down 4.4 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons with September 2011)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 58.8 million gallons, down 14.8 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 33.4 million gallons, down 10.3 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 3.17 million gallons, down 1.5 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 4.97 million gallons, down 6.7 percent.